



## Beautification Grants

Small Changes is a new beautification grant program presented by Mayor Thomas M. Menino and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department to qualified not-for-profit organizations. Created by Mayor Menino to fund moderately priced yet significant beautification projects, Small Changes will enhance the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Any beautification project designed to make a long-lasting or permanent impact in a Boston neighborhood is eligible. Awarded projects will receive grants ranging from \$1,000-\$5,000 for general improvements and \$5,000-\$20,000 for permanent installations; grants of \$10,000 or more will require a match. Approved projects must secure appropriate city-issued permits and approvals (including those from entities such as the Landmarks and Art Commissions) as well as approvals from the owners, the community and abutting neighbors. Projects must be completed within one year.

General improvements may include:

1. Open space stewardship programs for youth or adults - environmental education and analysis of debris source
2. Clean-ups including waste removal costs
3. Professional planting or pruning of trees
4. Graffiti removal

Permanent installations may include:

1. New benches, murals, paving & fencing
2. Restoration of murals and plaques
3. Restoration or repair of existing decorative fencing
4. Landscape improvements (public land only) with five year maintenance plan
5. Exterior architectural or landscape lighting

Qualified applicants must be a designated 501©(3) or not-for profit organization as determined by the IRS or partner with such an organization. Community, open space, environment, civic, and community and economic development groups are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor or at [www.cityofboston.gov/parks](http://www.cityofboston.gov/parks) ***Applications must be received by Friday May 6, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.***

For additional information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 961-3030



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## Beautification Grants Application Form

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of proposed project site: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a brief (2 page maximum) description of the project including:

1. Brief description of the mission of the applicant organization
2. Ownership of property
3. Neighborhood served by project
4. Organizations involved in project
5. Number of participants

Required attachments:

1. Proposed budget
2. Rendering or map of beautification area
3. Copy of IRS not-for-profit status

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Send application to:

Boston Parks and Recreation Department

Attn: Small Changes

1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Boston, MA 02118

For further information call (617) 961-3030

The Small Changes Beautification Grants Program is open to all citizens of the City of Boston regardless of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, disability, marital status or sexual orientation.



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